



City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Application Type: Amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System
CPC Hearing Date: December 6, 2012
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Location: South of I-10, west of Santa Fe Street, and north of San Antonio Avenue

Representative District: 8
Plan El Paso Designation: G1 - Downtown

Neighborhood Associations: El Paso Central Business Association

Applicant: City of El Paso
Representative: Conde, Inc.

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Review and adoption of amendments to the City of El Paso's 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System for the area located south of I-10, west of Santa Fe Street, and north of San Antonio Avenue. The request is to amend the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System as follows:

- Delete Durango Street from Missouri Avenue to Franklin Avenue currently designated as a Minor Arterial.
- Downgrade Durango Street from Franklin Avenue to San Antonio Avenue from a Minor Arterial to a Collector Arterial.
- Downgrade Santa Fe Street from Yandell Drive to San Antonio Avenue from a Major Arterial to a Minor Arterial.
- Add Franklin Avenue as a Collector Arterial from Interstate Highway 10 to Durango Street.
- Delete Missouri Avenue from Coldwell Street to Santa Fe Street currently designated as a Minor Arterial and Collector Arterial.

The City of El Paso is proposing these changes to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System in order to reclassify the streets adjacent to a proposed baseball stadium. As per El Paso Municipal Code Section 19.09.030.B, a traffic impact study was provided.

The reclassification of streets would be as follows:

- Santa Fe Street would be to match the proposed cross section as shown on Stevens Addition Replat A.
- Conversion of Missouri Avenue, from Santa Fe St. to Durango St., to a one-way westbound road continuing the existing travel direction of Missouri Ave. between

Durango St. and Coldwell St.

- The proposed addition of Franklin Avenue as a Collector Arterial connects the existing Missouri Avenue collector located north of Interstate Highway 10 in the Sunset Heights neighborhood to the proposed Durango Street collector. Doing so closes an existing gap in the network and provides access to the existing San Antonio Avenue minor arterial.

Plan El Paso defines the proposed street types as follows:

- Arterials are intended to provide the highest level of service at suburban speeds for the longest uninterrupted distance with some degree of access control. Arterials, therefore, provide higher levels of vehicle mobility and lower levels of land access.
- Collectors provide a less highly developed level of service at a lower speed for shorter distances than arterials, by collecting traffic from local roads and connecting them with arterials. Collectors specifically balance vehicle mobility and land access.

Plan El Paso – Transportation Goals:

Overall Goal: The City of El Paso wishes to become the least car-dependent city in the Southwest through meaningful travel options and land use patterns that support walkability, livability, and sustainability. Over time, El Paso will join the ranks of the most walkable and transit-rich metropolitan areas in the country.

Goal 4.2: El Paso’s thoroughfares will form a well-connected network of complete streets that support driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit.

Goal 4.3: The City of El Paso will improve its thoroughfares over time as opportunities are found to increase transit service and improve connectivity, walkability, bikability, and economic benefits to surrounding areas.

Goal 4.5: El Paso’s network of major thoroughfares will become the “Great Streets” of tomorrow. They will be integral parts of the communities that surround them, allowing easy movement and providing physical space for social, civic, and commercial activities.

TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The Transportation Working Group recommends *approval* of the proposed amendments to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

Transportation Planning:

Transportation Planning recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System.

El Paso Department of Transportation:

Pending.

City Development Department:

- Planning recommends approval of the proposed amendment.

- Improving the pedestrian elements on Missouri, Durango and Santa Fe by widening sidewalks and providing street trees will enhance pedestrian access and safety.
- The addition of Franklin to the MTP as a collector arterial will improve east-west connectivity. The portion of Missouri from Coldwell to Santa Fe does not function as an arterial and should be deleted from the MTP.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT):

No comments received.

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

The El Paso MPO does not object to the request.

Sun Metro:

No comments received.

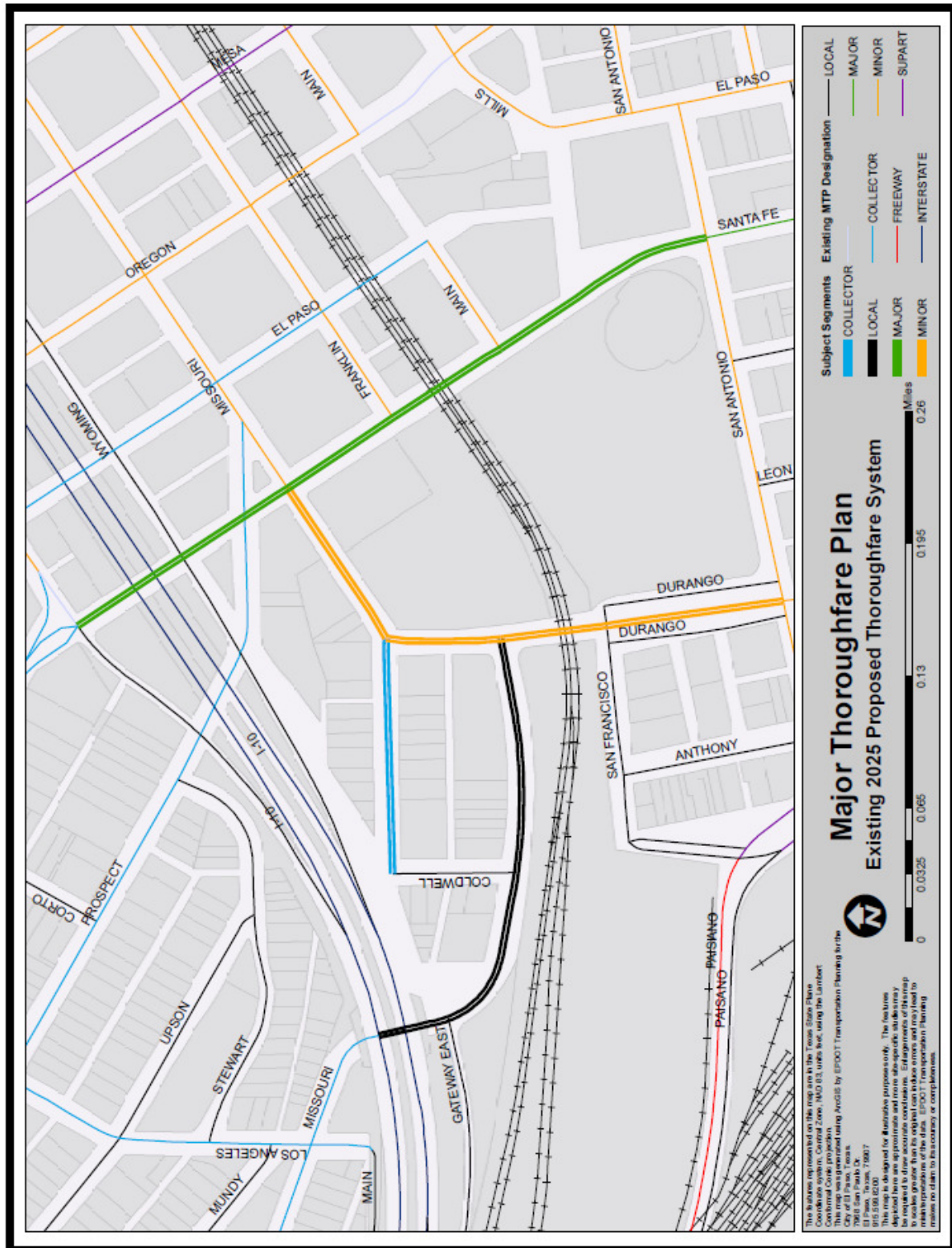
Attachments:

Attachment 1: Location map – existing 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System

Attachment 2: Location map – recommended 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System

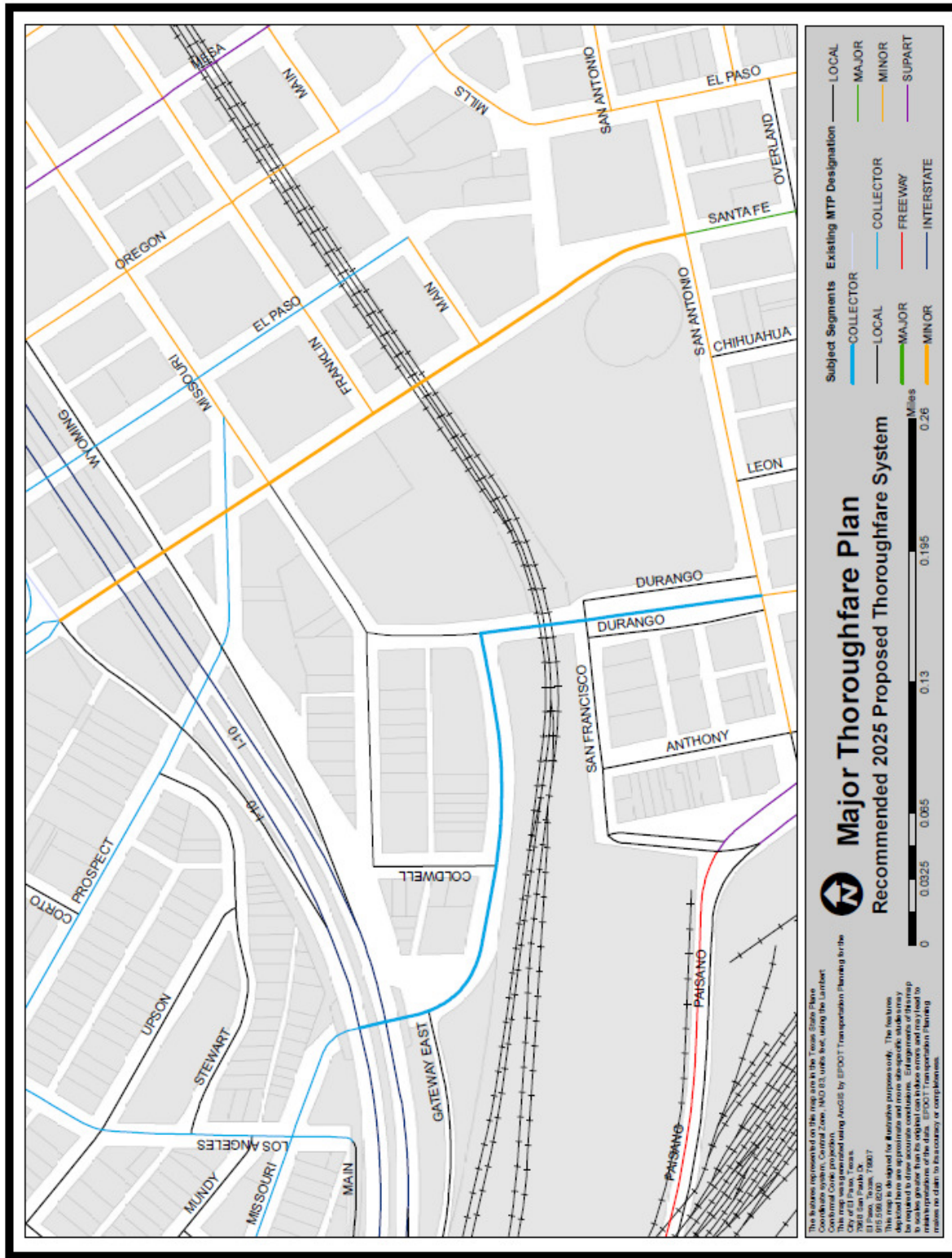
Attachment 3: Aerial map – recommended 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System

ATTACHMENT 1



MTP amendment – Durango Street, Santa Fe Street,
Franklin Avenue, Missouri Avenue

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